



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS

DEVELOPMENT MEETING

**Wednesday, May 16, 2007
5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall
Room W-120
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113**

HELEN CHAPMAN, CHAIR

MELANIE RICHARDSON, VICE CHAIR

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LESLEE HAMILTON

G.M. HARDING

JAMES KIM

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

MARY ANN RUIZ

MARK SWINEFORD

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1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Chapman, Richardson, Flaughner, Hamilton, Harding, Kim,
and Matsushima

Absent: Commissioners Ruiz and Swineford

2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

3 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Set a Public Hearing to Name a New Turnkey Park Associated with the Tuscany Hills Development on June 6, 2007

Parks Manager Evelyn Velez-Rosario presented.

It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Flaughner and

Continued

voted 7-0 to approve a public hearing date be set to name a new turnkey park associated with the Tuscany Hills development on June 6, 2007. Motion carried.

3.2 Review, Discussion and Action for Letter to City Council Regarding the Formation of a Neighborhoods Commission

Representatives in attendance to support and discuss the proposed Neighborhoods Commission included Ernest Guzman, Randi Kinman, Don Gagliardi, Autumn Gutierrez, and Beth Sheffren Mukai.

Mr. Guzman presented updated information on the developmental progress. Extensive discussion took place on the Commission's concerns including overlapping roles of commissions, diversity, and the caucuses.

The Commission requested to see the most current proposed Neighborhoods Commission working document.

A report to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee (NSEC) is scheduled on June 14, 2007. Staff shall distribute the NSEC report to the Parks and Recreation Commission as soon as it is available.

It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima and voted 7-0 to table this item until the final draft report to the City Council regarding the formation of a Neighborhoods Commission can be reviewed; to consider all comments heard at this meeting and previous meetings; and to include the Commission in the progress and updates to the draft report. Motion carried.

3.3 Discussion and Action for Letter to City Council Regarding Proposed Privatization of Public Park Maintenance Policy

Public park maintenance was identified as primarily a budget issue. The number of parks and population is increasing and there is less funding.

Merylee Shelton spoke on the concerns of the Municipal Rose Garden.

The Parks Maintenance Subcommittee was selected to draft a letter to the City Council.

It was moved by Chair Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Flaughner and voted 7-0 to table and modify this item to direct the Parks Maintenance Subcommittee to draft a letter to the City Council regarding parks maintenance funding for approval at the June 6, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

3.4 2007-08 Proposed Operating Budget

(a) Budget in Brief presentation

(b) Approval of draft letter of support for Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services budget priorities

(c) Public hearing dates:

- May 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. - Initial public hearing on 2007-08 Proposed City Capital/Operating Budgets and 2007-08 Proposed Fees and Charges Report
- June 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. - Final public hearing on 2007-08 Proposed City Capital/Operating Budgets and 2007-08 Proposed Fees and Charges Report

Acting Assistant Director Julie Mark presented. Discussion included raising the current level of parks maintenance services, and sports complexes development. Modifications to the draft letter were requested.

It was moved by Commissioner Kim, seconded by Commissioner Harding and voted 7-0 to table item 3.4(b); and to re-agendize and revise the draft letter to the City Council regarding support for Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services budget priorities for approval at the June 6, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

The development meeting concluded at 6:40 p.m. and was followed by the study session; and a joint study session with the County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Commission.